Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: (*a*) No.
(*b*) Yes.
(*c*) Yes.

Public Works Department and the Pallivasal Hydro-Electrical Department.

289. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the P. W. D. has been requested to supply the iron materials required for use at Pallivasal;

(*b*) who all agreed to supply the same from outside;

(*c*) the difference in the amount agreed to by the P. W. D. and that demanded by the present suppliers; and

(*d*) whether it was the Electrical Engineer who brought this fact to the notice of the Chief Engineer?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: (*a*) No. The P. W. D. Workshops also tendered for the work.

(*b*) Messrs. Harrison and Crosfield Ltd., Quilon.

(*c*) The P. W. D. Workshop's tender was Rs. 4,000 higher than that of Messrs. Harrisons and Crosfield Ltd., Quilon, which was the lowest.

(*d*) No.

Deaths due to Electric shock.

290. ***Mr J. John Kattakayam:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether, when the Demand for Electrical Department was moved during the last budget session, Mr. John Kattakayam had stated in the Council that deaths due to electric shock should be reduced;

(*b*) whether, in reply to that, the head of the Electrical Department had stated that no such deaths occurred; and

(*c*) whether an Ezhava youth aged 24, an employee of the Power House at Kottayam, died on account of electric shock on the 6th Tulam last?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: (*a*) Yes.
(*b*) Yes.
(*c*) Yes.

Labourers at Pallivasal.

291. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of labourers, native and foreign respectively at Pallivasal; and

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(*b*) whether any Bengalees have been taken as labourers or employees either by the Electrical Dpartment or by the contractors connected with it ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai, (*a*) (i) Travancorean labourers about 10 0 (ii) foreign labourers 35.

(*b*) There are no Bengalees employed by the Department; but two were employed by Messrs. Moylan and Co.. Tunnel Contractors, for their office work.

Power-house building at Pallam.

292. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of times the power house building, which is being constructed at Pallam through contractors by the Electrical Department, has tumbled down ;

(*b*) whether any loss has been incurred by the Government on account of this ;

(*c*) whether it was not the result of the carelessness of the authorities ; and

(*d*) whether they will do the needful so that such things may not take place in future ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : (*a*) A portion of the Pallam Sub-station building collapsed once on 5-7-1935.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Such cases do not arise under normal conditions.

Cancellation of the license of newspapers.

293. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam** : Will the Government be pleased to state ;

(*a*) the number of newspaper licences cancelled during the last three years ; and

(*b*) the community which was represented by these papers.

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : (*a*) Two.

(*b*) Government have no information.

Statement, by caste, of appointments in the Government Press.

294. ***Mr. E. P. Varghese** : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table :

(*a*) a caste-war list of permanent appointments made by the present Superintendent of the Government Press from 9-1-1107 to 9-7-1111 and the number specialised in printing ;

(*b*) a caste-war list of acting appointments made by him during the above mentioned period ;

(*c*) a caste-war list of persons specialised in printing who have acted in the Government Press and are not now employed in the Press, with the dates of their relieving orders ;

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